

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

December 12, 2006

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Judy Crawford, Patrick Phear, Peter Rodegast, Debra Swanson, Tara Whiting, Pat Durfee and Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Chris Alley of Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, Lil Province, Attorney George Brush, and Doug Cooper

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Hearings

Map 6 Lot 3 Roberts - a public meeting under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider **a Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn Inc. on behalf of Brian Roberts (North Shore Realty Trust) for property at 86 Ichabod Allen Road. The proposed project consists of drilling a new well and trenching for water and power lines to service an indoor squash court. The well will be located in the buffer zone. Chris Alley provided background information on the well. This is the same location that was proposed for the irrigation wells. The well will use 50-100 gallons of water a day when the property owner uses the facility. The only question concerned the alignment of the trench for the water line. The plan submitted with the application shows the line running parallel to the stonewall in the buffer zone. Chris said if the Commission was concerned the line could be run through the field. It was agreed that the most direct route from the well to the structure was preferable. Chris explained that they did attempt to put the well in a different location further away from the wetland, but it was unsuccessful. They have a permit for the well from the BOH. The public meeting was closed.

Peter motioned that a **Negative Determination** be issued. Tara seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. Chris will revise the notes on the plan to reflect the change in location of the water line and will submit it for the file.

Map 11 Lot 41.1 Ravitch - a public meeting under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider **a Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by Province Design on behalf of Ravitch Real Estate Trust for property owned by the trust located at 101 Pepperbush Way. The applicant seeks permission to conduct selective limbing and pruning, remove invasive vines, widen and clean existing footpaths and view channels, build stairs, and plant native shrubs and grasses. All work to be done in the Buffer Zone. Lil Province presented the project. The intention is to clean up the property and open the view to the pond without exposing the house. A set of stairs will be added to the deck for direct access to the existing path that runs down to the pond. The owner would like to add a set of steps where the slope toward the pond is steep. They would also like to change the location of where they launch their kayak by creating a three-foot wide path along the shore. The clearing would be on the landward side. All work will be done by hand with slash and brush removed from the site. The public meeting was closed.

Peter motioned to issue a **Negative Determination**. The motion was seconded and the vote unanimous in favor.

Map 35 Lot 1 – Rosenmiller The board reviewed the restoration plan submitted by Mr. Rosenmiller at the November 14, 2006 meeting. There were a couple of minor changes agreed to by George Brush. A motion was made to accept the restoration plan. The motion was seconded and the vote in favor unanimous. The board also reviewed and approved the letter regarding future repairs to the farm pond. Maria will work with George and town counsel to get the stipulation of dismissal in the enforcement order appeal case filed in Superior Court.

New Business

James Pond – The board reviewed and approved a letter of recommendation/support for a 604(b) grant application being filed by Bill Wilcox for the continuation of water quality testing in James pond.

Old Business

Map 6 Lot 3 (SE79-240) Roberts Doug Cooper was present to explain the current site condition on the Robert's meadow project approved by the Commission in 2005. At the visit for the well project (see above) the Commission viewed a wood chipped corridor ranging from 0 to 6 inches deep that has been laid down in front of the stonewall. Under the original Order of Conditions the first 25 feet from the wetlands was to be left untilled. Mowing is allowed but otherwise this strip is to be left undisturbed. The placement of this mulch does not comply with the order. Doug said the Roberts' were willing to remove it. Apparently someone unfamiliar with the terms of the order thought it was a good place to put the woodchips. The Commission agreed with Doug that the woodchips could remain in place over the winter and removed in the spring for use elsewhere on the property. The removal will be accomplished by raking by hand or using a small bobcat. Doug also addressed the Commission's concern about activities on the far side of stonewall closer to the wetland. Doug said he had talked to Attorney Woodlinger and that there is currently no plan for any activity on the opposite side of stonewall. The vegetation had been cleared to facilitate work on repairing the wall. If they want to do anything further, they understand that it will require approval from the board. No further action is necessary at this time.

Administrative

Filing fees from town bylaw- Maria was asked to find out if we can use the revenue generated from the local bylaw-filing fee for revising the bylaw. If not, then it probably makes sense to have these monies directly to the General Fund.

FY2008 Budget: After review and discussion a motion was made and to approve the FY 2008 budget for submission to the Finance Committee. All in favor.

Map 7 Lot 127 (SE79- 247) Hansen -Certificate of Compliance approved and signed.

There will not be a meeting on December 26th. There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6: 05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland, Board Administrator
APPROVED